Preparing for the ITIB vision/mission work session

Next week during the ITIB meeting, time has been allocated to discuss ITIB vision and mission statements. The business drivers for doing this include:

- Adding the ITIB vision/mission to the VITA SAM (strategy articulation map), to show how the ITIB and VITA are linked
- Articulating the broad role of the ITIB (it's bigger than VITA)

Vision and mission statements usually are not created in an hour or so, so let's set the expectation that this meeting will begin the dialogue. If we actually complete them, we will exceed our own expectations! One thing that will help us is a bit of pre-thinking by ITIB members. For that purpose, the following three slides provide a workbook to stimulate thinking about ITIB vision and mission. The last slide is VITA's SAM for reference. The final document (attached separately) that may help you was prepared by Jerry Simonoff. It compares and contrasts the powers and duties of the ITIB, CIO and VITA per the enabling legislation. You also may want to consider the ITIB role with regard to some of the new initiatives and entities being established per Governor Kaine's letter to Mr. McGuirk (link: http://www.vita.virginia.gov/ITIB/docs/2006/061018/061018LetterfromGovernortoChair.pdf).

I look forward to seeing you and working together next week. If you want to discuss anything or need additional input or background materials prior to the meeting, please contact me at karen.farwell@vita.virginia.gov or on my cell at (804) 436-5391.

Thanks and see you soon! Karen

Strategy Articulation Map – Vision

Looking several years into the future, the ITIB has become extremely successful. A government magazine has interviewed you for the cover story. What is the title of the article? How does the title translate into a vision?

Vision Statements normally meet the following criteria:

- States where the ITIB wants to go
- Short
- Inspiring
- Is a target that has a definite end point
- If achieved, will take the organization "someplace else"

How well does the vision statement meet these criteria?

Vision - what you aspire to be

ITIB's cover story title:

Sample Vision:

To be recognized as a business partner and for professionalism, ability to add value, and cost effectiveness

Strategy Articulation Map - Mission

Jot down your	reactions	to	the	items
on the right.				

Be prepared to share your responses with the large group.

Mission - what you exist to do

Who are the ITIB's customers/stakeholders?
What are ITIB's major products or services?
Who are the ITIB's contemporaries in other states/governments?
What are ITIB's distinct competencies?
What are the benefits to the major stakeholders?

Strategy Articulation Map--Mission (cont.)

Using your reactions to the items on the previous worksheet, draft a mission statement for the ITIB.	I believe the mission of the ITIB is to
Do not concern yourself with how the statement is worded; ideas are more important than a carefully crafted statement. When complete, circle the words or phrases that are most important. These words and phrases will be used in the large group discussion. Mission - what you exist to do	